THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) As per section 9(3) of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956, any tax levied and collected under the Act is assigned to and retained in full by the States including Kerala. As such, no share of Central Sales Tax is prescribed in respect of any State.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Agricultural Finance Corporation

1047. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agricultral Finance Corporation has entered into contracts for preparing rural development projects in Nepal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) has entered into a contract with Asian Development Bank, to provide consultancy services, for preparing an Integrated Rural Development Project in Nepal. The scope of the Study would broadly include:

(i) Development of indicators to evaluate impact of sagarmatha Integrated Rural Development Project (SIRDP).

(ii) Preparation of resource inventory of the project area.

(iii) Completion of reconnaissance survey.

(iv) Determination of potential for development and examination of various constraints.

(v) Designing of a comprehensive integrated rural development project.

Looting of Passengers in Calcutta Mail

1048. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers travelling in the first class compartment of 1 Down Calcutta Mail were looted between Chalisgaon and Jalgaon at midnight of the 26th January, 1989 although there were five armed guards in the train;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sarvashri S. G. Malushwary and R. G. Shrivastva, the two passengers travelling in the train lost their baggage worth Rs. 31,000/- and Rs 3000 respectively;

(c) whether it is also a fact that although the matter was reported by the passengers concerned at Jalgaon, the complaint was recorded only at Bhusaval at about 4.00 A.M.; and

(d) what steps have been taken to trace the culprits and recover the stolen goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government of Maharashtra have informed that a theft was committed at about 0230 Hrs. on 26-1-1989 between Pachora and Maheji and that five Policemen of Bombay Railway district were on patrolling duty on the said train.

(b) According to the same report S/Shri Ramgopal Maheshwari G. D. Panda and Shrivastava lost their baggage worth Rs. 19,000, Rs. 1500 and Rs. 2000 respectively.

(c) It has been reported that the offence was not reported at Jalgaon;